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ANNUAL REPORT

ON

INDENTURED INDIAN IMMIGRANTS

IN

THE COLONY OF GRENADA

FOR

1892.

SAINT GEORGE:
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IMMIGRATION OFFICE,
9th June, 1893.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit the following Report on the Immigration Department for the year 1892.

2. There were no Indentured Immigrants in Grenada in the year 1892. The industrial term of service of those who arrived in the "*Poonah*" will expire in January 1895, when it will be necessary to charter a ship to convey to India those who desire to return to their homes, and to provide the funds to pay bounties to those who elect to make Grenada their future residence: about £1600. 0. 0 will be required for these objects. The annexed balance sheet shows the financial position of the Immigration fund at the close of 1892. No Revenue was raised for Immigration purposes during the year, the collection of Export duties on produce shipped having been suspended by "The Export Duties Suspending Ordinance 1892," which came into force on 1st January. It will be seen that of the balance to credit of the Immigration Fund, £1944. 0. 10 is due to it by the Government, and £1430. 19. 3 (exclusive of arrears of interest) by the Parochial Board of St. George, this liability having devolved on the Board on its creation in 1886.

3. No application was made during the year for the introduction of any more Immigrants.

4. Ten Passports were issued in 1892 to Coolies who wished to pay short visits to the neighbouring Islands, the number being the same as in the previous year.

5. No murder was committed during the year under review, I append a return shewing the convictions of East Indian Immigrants per "*Poonah*," from which it appears that only three were convicted, and none for an offence of a very serious nature, the most severe sentence imposed being six months imprisonment with hard labour and twenty lashes with the cat.

6. These Immigrants as a rule are steady and well conducted, and it will be advantageous both to the Colony and themselves if the greater number of them decide on remaining here instead of returning to India, where the struggle for existence is far sharper than in this Island, in which the cost of living is very small and an industrious labourer is always certain to obtain employment; their condition through the year, on the whole, has been well to do, some of them have turned their attention to shop-keeping and are doing fairly well, while their deposits in the Savings Bank bear evidence to their prosperity, one man having lodged the sum of £22. 8. 8., another £12. 16. 9., and a third £12. 9. 8.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

C. H. COLLYMORE,
Actg. Protector of Immigrants.

The Hon.
The Colonial Secretary,
&c., &c., &c.

Dr. *Balance Sheet of the Immigration Fund at 31st December 1892.* *Cr.*

1892.			1892.		
Dec. 31	Treasury Deposit Account	£1,944 0 10	Dec. 31	Arrears of Revenue Account	£85 17 2
	Loan to St. George's Parochial Board ..	1,430 19 3		Surplus and Deficit Account	3,375 0 1
	Interest on Loan to St. George's Parochial Board (arrears account) ..	85 17 2			
		£3,460 17 3			£3,460 17 3

List of Convictions of East Indian Immigrants per "Poonah" during the year 1892.

Offence.	Sentence.	Date of Sentence.
Assault	6 weeks' hard labour.	3rd June 1892.
Stealing Bread Fruit ..	7 days' do. do.	5th August 1892.
Stealing Cocoa ..	6 months' do. do. and 20 lashes with the cat.	4th November 1892.